Astoria Regatta

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Regatta fetes region's recreation

A tradition in Astoria since 1894, the Astoria Regatta this year will offer five days of fun — a celebration of bountiful harvests from air, land and sea in the Columbia-Pacific region.

The Regatta is scheduled for Wednesday through Sunday, Aug. 7 through 11. The oldest festival in the Northwest, the Astoria Regatta was begun as a celebration to let the people know that the fishing season had ended on the Columbia River. The theme for this year's Regatta is "Recreation on the North Coast."

The five-day festival will be packed with entertainment, food, tours of U.S. Navy ships and a rollicking good time. The event begins with the Queen's Coronation at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue. Winners of the Astoria merchants' window decorating contest will be announced during the coronation.

Serving as admiral for this year's festival will be Craig L. Tutor, the North Coast Region supervisor for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Vice Admiral Jim Servino will assist Tutor in his duties during the Regatta. Tutor, who lives in Tillamook, will crown the 1991 Regatta queen.

Last year's Regatta queen, Erin Larson of Astoria, will relinquish her crown to one of the four 1991 princesses representing local high schools — Dena Halsan, Knappa; Lori Carey, Seaside; Claire Oldridge, Warrenton; and Aimee Schneider of Astoria. The new queen will officially open the festival.

The Queen's Reception will be held in the Kern Room at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 17th Street and Marine Drive, immediately following the coronation. This event will be hosted by the Columbia River Maritime Museum Auxiliary.

Admission to the events requires the purchase of a Regatta Button, available at local stores for $2 before the festival and for $3 at Regatta Square during the event. The purchaser will receive a chance to win cash prizes in a drawing — $300 first prize and $150 second prize.

Three parades are planned during the festivities. The Kiwanis Junior Regatta Parade, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, in downtown Astoria will feature kids, clowns and chaos. The parade ends at Regatta Square at the

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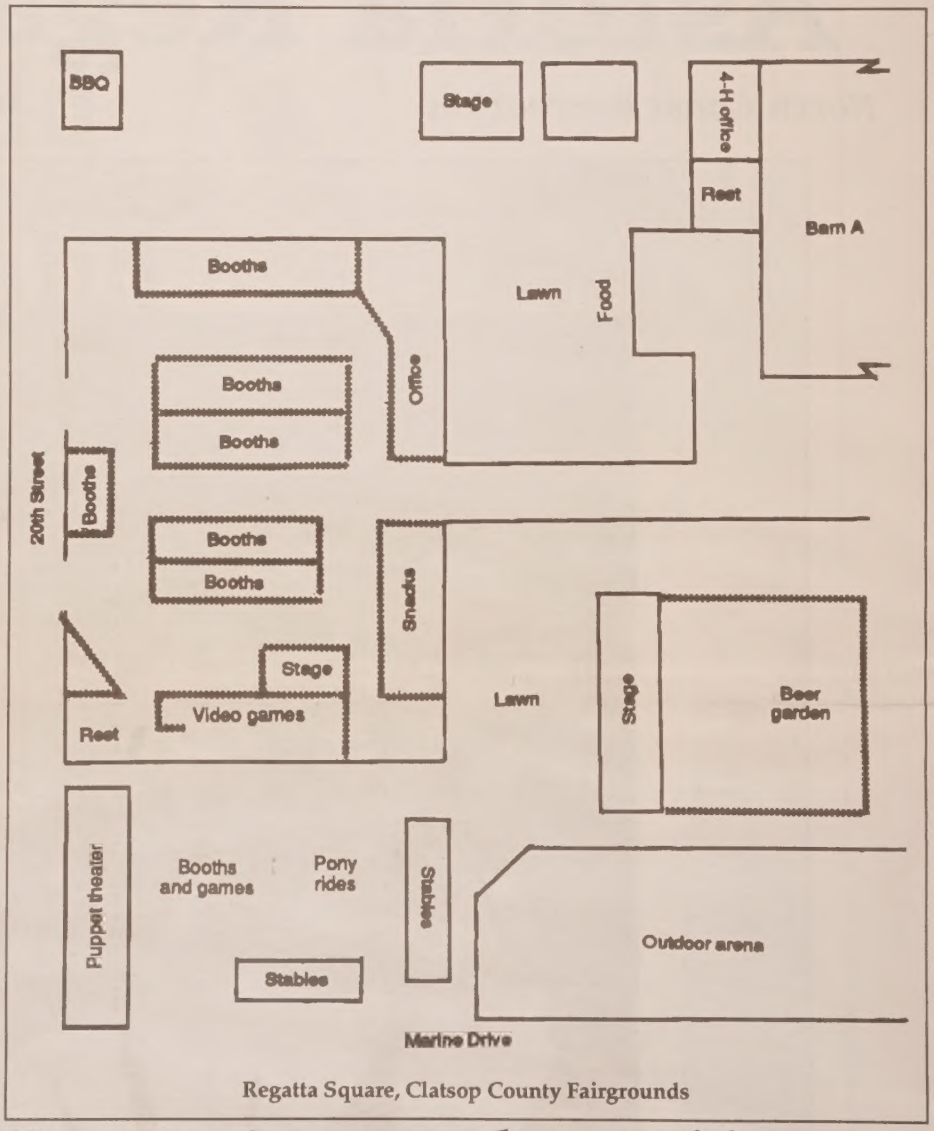

Regatta Square, Clatsop County Fairgrounds

On the cover

The 1991 Astoria Regatta princesses are, from left, Lori Carey, Aimee Schneider, Dena Halsan and Claire Oldridge. Robin Loznak of The Daily Astorian shot the photograph at the West End Mooring Basin.

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Regatta Square at heart of festival

The swirling and colorful hub of Astoria Regatta activities, Regatta Square will open at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the newly crowned 1991 queen of the Regatta and Regatta Admiral Craig Tutor. There will also be a flyover by a U.S. Coast Guard Falcon jet and a helicopter.

This year Regatta Square, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, will feature food booths, arts and crafts booths, three live bands, folklore, games and performances by local celebrities.

For the first time, a special feature at the square will be a Kids Carnival on Thursday, Aug. 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Performances of "The Frog Elf Prince" and "The Good Company in Concert" by the Good Company Puppet Theater are planned for the carnival as well as a fire safety house with Sparkie the Dog, and Smokey the Bear and Fred Bear will put in an appearance.

Helicopter rides will be operating across the street from Regatta Square near the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

In a salute to North Coast recreation, Regatta Square will be decorated with scenes of local landscapes.

The band Thunder Road will play at the Beer Garden on Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Other bands and musicians that will perform in Regatta Square are pianist Chuck Wilder, Al Anderson's Band, North Coast Symphonic Band, North Coast Big Band and Pacific Jazz Band. The Maddox Dancers will perform as well.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, there will be a salmon barbecue from 3p.m. to 8 p.m. with locally caught salmon prepared by the Lions and Anchor clubs.

There will also be a many vendors selling a variety of delicious foods ranging from German sausage, barbecued ribs, spring rolls, crab and shrimp cocktails and smoked salmon to cotton candy and ice cream.

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Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th Street and Marine Drive.

The Bank of America, Oregon-sponsored Grand Land Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10, beginning at noon. It is the largest parade on the North Coast and will feature floats, drill teams, bands, clowns and more.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, the Twilight Boat Parade on the Columbia River will begin at 7 p.m. at the West End Mooring Basin. Leading the parade will be the Shamrock, carrying the 1991 Regatta court and Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen. The boats will travel up the river to the Columbia River Maritime Museum and return to the West End Mooring Basin. Trophies will be awarded for best of power, best of sail, best of classic or vintage, queen's choice and honorable mention.

The 563-foot U.S. Navy ship Chandler, based in San Diego, will arrive at Pier 1 at the Port of Astoria docks on Thursday, Aug. 8. The Chandler will be open for tours during the festival. The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Citrus, based in Coos Bay, will be tied up at the foot of 17th Street near the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

GOOD FOOD APLENTY will be available during Regatta. A Rotary Club-sponsored spaghetti feed on Friday, Aug. 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Regatta Square includes spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, beverage and a mint available for $5. On Saturday, Aug. 10, a Buccaneer Breakfast will be served by the Skipanon Restaurant from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Regatta Square.

Later that day the Regatta Salmon Feast, featuring fresh salmon barbecued over glowing coals by members of the Astoria Lions Club, will be served from 3 to 8 p.m. and will cost $8 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and $6 for children. The meal will include locally caught salmon, a baked potato, cole slaw, garlic bread, a beverage and ice cream.

THE QUEEN'S LUNCHEON on Thursday, Aug. 8, at noon, and the Admiral's Scholarship Luncheon, Friday, Aug. 9, at noon, are reservation-only events. Both will be held at the Chinook Room at the Astoria Red Lion Inn in Astoria. For reservations to the Queen's Luncheon, phone 861-1404, 325-2896, 861-2754 or 325-7543. For Admiral's Luncheon reservations, phone 325-2088.

Other activities scheduled during the festival will include ceremonies at the Rose Garden at the Flavel House museum, sailboat races, U.S. Coast Guard demonstration, the Regatta Rocker dances, the traditional Astoria melodrama "Shanghaied in Astoria," fireworks and tours of historic homes.

The hub of activity is Regatta Square at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The square will feature arts and crafts, food booths, folklore, a kids' carnival, entertainment on two stages, a beer garden, Pirates Den, and helicopter rides nearby.

A free Kids' Carnival Night at the square is scheduled for Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with pony rides, games, balloons face painting, a puppet show, video den, popcorn, cotton candy, clowns and more.

Sailboat races on the Columbia River are planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9, 10 and 11, beginning at 10 a.m. by the Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest.

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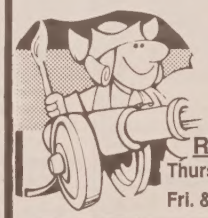

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New queen to receive crown at ceremony

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The stage at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center will be transformed into a park and a new Regatta queen will reign over the North Coast area after her coronation on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 8 p.m. in Astoria.

Reigning Queen Erin Larson will turn over her crown to one of four Regatta princesses — Dena Halsan, Lori Carey, Aimee Schneider and Claire Oldridge — who will be chosen to represent the Astoria Regatta during the next year. The princesses represent the four high schools in the area. The new queen will receive a traveling crown donated by the Jewelers of America and Loop-Jacobsen Jewelers in Astoria.

The ceremony will include remarks by mistress of ceremonies Sharon Leigh, a color guard from U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Astoria with petty officers Tristan Heaton, Jerry Kirkendoll, Donald Parkin and Timothy Spence and musical selections by soloist Sara Crow of Knappa.

Serving as flower girl during the ceremony will be Cassandra Suzzan Ollila, 7, the daughter of Rodney and Tamara Ollila and a second-grader at Capt. Robert Gray School. Christopher Wallace, 7 1/2, will be the queen's scepter bearer. He is the son of John and Lynn Wallace and also attends Gray School.

Past presidents of the Astoria Regatta Association will escort the court at the ceremonies and members of the Anchor Club, sponsor of the coronation, will form an honor guard.

'Shanghaied' hits stage during Regatta week

While the Astoria Regatta celebrates the abundance of recreational activities on the North Coast, the spotlight will be on the sometimes lurid past of the city itself on stage at the John Jacob Astor Theater in the historic John Jacob Astor Hotel building.

The seventh annual production of the summerlong melodrama "Shanghaied in Astoria" is scheduled for performances during the week of the Regatta on Thursday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 in the theater at 14th and Commercial streets. A half hour of vaudeville-style acts precedes the performance.

The play, written by former Astoria resident Tammy Phillips, tells the story of Norwegian cannery worker Erik Olesen's experiences after being shanghaied by the evil villain Max Crooke.

The casual ambiance of the play's performance location lends itself to a relaxed attitude and popcorn throwing is encouraged (at black-hearted villains only).

Ticket prices are $5 for senor citizens and students, $7 for seats in the back and mezzanine, $8 for seats in the middle of the audience and $10 for front-row seats. Tickets are available at Paperback Traffic, 1015 Commercial St., and the Seaside branch of Compleat Photographer, 303 S. Holladay Drive.

The plays annual performances are produced by the non-profit Astor Street Opry Co.

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Say no to Mestrich? Fat chance

Regatta supporter tough to refuse

By NANCY BUTTERFIELD
Of The Daily Astorian

Chris Mestrich says when his wife, Marlene, dies, he's going to have her buried in a telephone booth. That's not a bad idea considering the number of hours she puts in on the phone, drumming up support for the Astoria Regatta.

Marlene Mestrich is a hard woman to say no to.

Her husband says she has great energy and enthusiasm and is an eternal optimist. "I just seem to flow with the tide," he says, referring to his wife's busy schedule. "You don't fight it, you just go along with it. "The only problem she has sometimes is losing things like her car keys and glasses. Thank God the phone's not portable, or she might not be able to find it, either," he laughs.

He adds that she's an excellent housekeeper, gardener and car washer "and the best store janitor I've ever had. She's got class and charm. I've watched her sell buttons in the store; she's hard to turn down."

Marlene Mestrich got started with the Regatta when she joined the Anchor Club in 1971 and hasn't looked back. "I guess I found my niche late in life," she says. "I should have been in pubic relations. I'm a people person. In a community you have to make your own way."

Mestrich has definitely made her own way in Astoria.

After joining the Anchors, she says she didn't start to get really active until 1973 when she was the chaperone for Miss Clatsop County. When her daughter, Carol, now 33 and a buyer for Macy's in San Francisco, was Regatta queen in 1975 she really started to pick up steam. Her family has been a tremendous help, she says. Her daughter, Monica Lynch, was a member of the junior Regatta court in 1968 when Mark Hatfield was admiral and former Astoria Mayor Bob Chopping served as the admiral's aide.

Now, Monica Lynch's husband, Michael, is responsible for the new look of the Regatta brochure and poster and the program for the rose garden ceremony at Flavel House. Michael Lynch was Regatta Association president in 1983, the year Mestrich "really got involved and joined the (Regatta) Association."

Mestrich has served as Regatta publicity chairman from 1984 to 1987, in 1989 and this year. She was the court chaperone in 1983. "It seems like when you are chaperone for the court it's just inevitable that you get

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Marlene Mestrich displays some of the many memorabilia items she's collected over the years from the Astoria Regatta.

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involved," she says.

"The first year I did this, I had nothing to go by," she reminisces. "I went to every Northwest festival, making contacts and getting booths. The chamber of commerce was wonderful. I believe in teamwork, communication and camaraderie. I couldn't do it without community support.

"We have a zero budget so we really depend on donations and volunteers. I try to hire local talent for entertainment. I take from the community and I put back to the community. You build enthusiasm. They can't help getting enthusiastic. I've had very few rejections. The community is wonderful. My old standbys see me coming and say, 'Now what do you want?' "

MESTRICH STILL KEEPS in contact with "my court," the 1983 Regatta court that she chaperoned. "We're real close," she says. "We got together at Camp 18 last year."

Kathy Payton Ham was queen; other court members were Kim Allen Fanno, who now lives in Forest Grove; Tammy Sturdevant James, now living in Portland; Cassie Gramson, Warrenton; and Lenee Logan Gower, now a Portland resident.

"We were a real close group," she says. "It was a kissy kissy year," she laughs. "Everybody was very affectionate."

So affectionate, in fact, that at the end of their reign, Mestrich gave each member of the court a Waterford crystal Hershey's kiss as a remembrance of the year.

Mestrich has lived in Astoria for 38 years, and says she has always attended Regattas, starting in 1952 when the tight budget meant "more admirals than people. The girls on the courts wore their own dresses and only the queen had a dress furnished," she says.

She says this year's Regatta will be a very good one. "The communication lines are really open and the teamwork is really good. I'm really up about it. This year it's really diversified in the square and we have lots of new booths." She's been chairman of Regatta Square, choosing booths and entertainment, for the past three years.

THE RECIPIENT OF a 1989 George Award from the Greater Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, Mestrich has been an ambassador for the chamber since 1983 when the cruise ships Fairsea and Fairsky visited in Astoria. She also received the Outstanding Service Award from the Regatta Association in 1989.

In addition to her activities with the Regatta, Mestrich also was involved in planning the Clatsop County Historical Society's fund-raisers, the USO dances and the Oregon Dixieland Jubilee. Darlene Felkins, who has worked with Mestrich on the Oregon Dixieland Jubilee and the USO dances sponsored by the historical society, says, "I call her my secret weapon. She's one of the most enthusiastic and effective volunteers I've ever worked with. She does a lot of different things for us, with ODJ and the USO and she's always on tap when we need her for any special project."

"I meet all types of people doing this," Mestrich says enthusiastically. "It's just wonderful. Last year I recruited people who weren't involved in Regatta to help decorate and afterwards I treated them all to a lunch and style show at the Astoria Golf & Country Club. They're just neat people.

"More people seem to be involved now," she says. "But I wish more people would come and participate, not just tourists but local people."

"I hope everybody comes and enjoys the Regatta. There's something for everyone and lots of good food, music and entertainment."

Mestrich praises her co-chairman for publicity for this year's Regatta, Cheri Folk. "Cheri's there when I need her," she says.

OF MESTRICH, FOLK says, "Marlene has a wonderful ability to organize and accomplish insurmountable tasks. She is creative and works very hard to promote Astoria in a first-class manner. She also has a charming way of refusing to take no for an answer."

Les McNary, the president of the Regatta Association, says of Mestrich, "Oh gosh yes, she's really been the glue that's held the association together; her ability to go out and seek either donations or volunteers and put in the time and the dollars in has really been a wonderful experience for us.

"She's an extremely dedicated individual — give her a responsibility or a challenge and she goes out and gets it. She's a very unique person and it's a pleasure to have her on the Regatta. It's a pleasure to work with her. I certainly hope we can look forward to many years of her talents and skills and personality."

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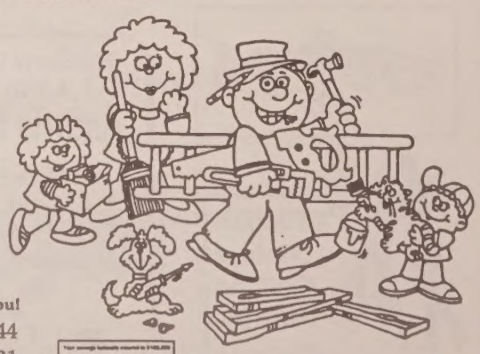

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Homes tour takes on artsy look

The 1991 Regatta Historic Homes Tour will be a little different from tours planned in past years. The vintage homes open to the public all are homes of artists or homes that display art collections.

The organizer of the tour, the Clatsop County Historical Society, chose the theme to emphasize the burgeoning art community in the city as well as the well-known historic homes in the city.

Architectural styles represented in the 1991 tour range from a quaint Craftsman-style bungalow to an ornate Queen Anne mansion. Tickets for the full tour are $7.50 and children may go along at no charge if they are under 12 years old and accompanied by an adult.

Hours of the self-guided tour are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11. Groups of 10 or more must make advance reservations. Tickets are available at the Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange St., during the event.

Following is a list of the houses on the tour and a short history of the home and the featured artist or collector:

The Arne and Serena Wahl house, 3909 Franklin Ave., is on the tour of historic homes during the 1991 Regatta. The house was built in 1906.

The George Washington Sanborn House, 1711 Grand Ave., was built in the summer of 1890 and is considered to be one of Astoria's most beautiful Queen Anne Victorian residences. A picture of the home was included in "Daughters of Painted Ladies," a book of photographs of restored Victorian houses.

Sanborn was a salmon cannery owner and local businessman who was instrumental in bringing the railroad from Portland to Astoria in 1898. He was a member of the Committee of 10, which planned the reconstruction of Astoria after the fire of 1922 and was one of the founders of the Astoria Golf & Country Club in 1923. After his death in 1929, his family continued to live in the house until 1978.

The home now is owned by Ed and Marie Whittington, who moved here recently from California. Ed Whittington's father founded the largest commercial photography studio west of the Mississippi in 1926.

The photographs of Astoria commercial artist Andrew Cier will be exhibited in the home during the tour. Cier's black and white photos will include local historic scenes, images of women in Victorian dress, and landscapes.

The C. R. Thomson House at 1636 Irving Avenue also was built in 1890. Thomson, an attorney, married Margaret Proctor, whose grandfather founded the Proctor and Gamble Co. During World War II, the home was divided into two flats.

The home's owner, Michael Foster, the proprietor of Michael's Antiques and Art Gallery on 10th and Marine Drive in Astoria, restored the house to a single-family residence when he purchased it in 1980. Foster has been a member of the Oregon Arts Commission for many years and is a past president and current board member of the county historical society. He is chairman of the Astoria Column Restoration Committee and is a member of other artistic and historical organizations. His extensive collection of antiques and contem-

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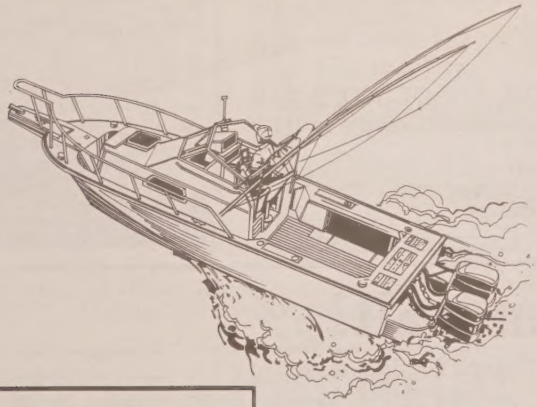

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rary paintings are displayed in the house.

The Astoria Inn Bed and Breakfast, 3391 Irving Ave., was build in the 1890s and enjoys a spectacular view of the Columbia River. (This home will not open until noon on Saturday during the tour.) Very little is known about the history of the house. The present owners, John and Nola Westling, recently moved here from California and remodeled the home.

Color photographs and handmade folk harps by John Westling will be displayed in the inn during the tour.

The Arne and Serena Wahl House at 3909 Franklin Ave. was built in 1906 by Arne Wahl, who was a carpenter and fisherman. The house had fallen into disrepair in recent years and was completely renovated by new owners John and Shirley Dahlsten.

The oil paintings of Shirley Dahlsten, who has spearheaded the recent movement to transform Astoria into a major art center, are displayed in the home.

The Anton and Ida Kvistad House, 3947 Franklin Ave., was built by the Norwegian carpenter in 1922, when he was 60. He lived in the classic Craftsman bungalow for 35 years and his daughter, Wilma Englund, lived in the house until 1986. Current owners Michael and Lisa Kohlmeier have modernized the kitchen and bathroom of the home but have retained the original style of the house.

Examples of Michael Kohlmeier's paintings and miniature sculptures are on display in the home for the tour as well as a collection of family photographs collected by Lisa Kohlmeier.

Theodore Siverson House, 4495 Leif Erikson Drive, is owned by R.G. and Myrle Nebeker. Siverson, a Norwegian immigrant who operated fish traps in Baker Bay, build the house in 1890 from lumber brought by teams of horses from McGregor's lumber mill. The rough planks were nailed together in the old manner, resulting in a 3-inch-thick wall. Siverson's son, Chris, lived in the house until 1970.

Art work by the Nebekers' sons, Royal and Brad, will be displayed at the home during the tour. Royal Nebeker is an art instructor at Clatop Community College who is known internationally for his paintings and prints. Brad Nebeker is an art teacher in Wendel, Idaho.

Out-of-town guests also will see the art work by early Clatsop County artists such as Joe Knowles and John Trullinger that is displayed at the Flavel House and the Heritage Museum.

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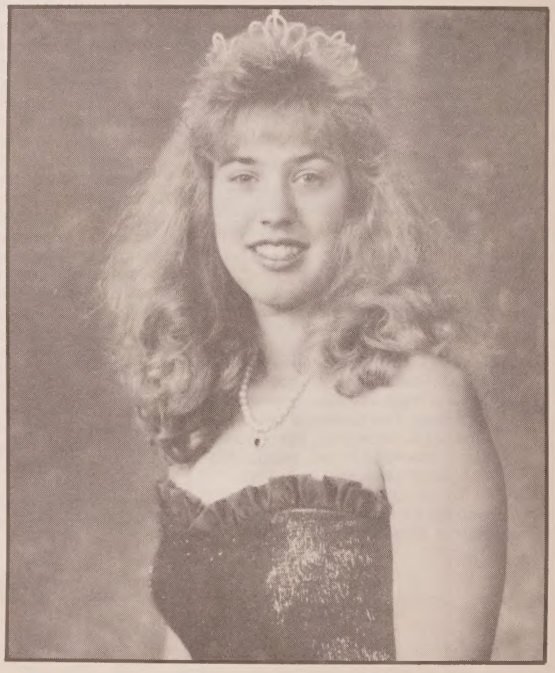
Lori Carey

Princess Lori Carey, a Seaside High School graduate, is the daughter of Ronald and Eugenia Carey. While in high school she was a member of the cheerleading squad for four years and was the school's homecoming princess in her senior year. She played in her school band for eight years and plays flute and piccolo.

Princess Lori was an usher at the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant for four years and is vice president of Youth Against Crime. She was involved in the child identification program and received an award from "Who's Who Among High School Students" for outstanding achievement. She has been employed at Herb's Kwik Mart in Seaside and at a Portland McDonald's.



Dena Halsan

Princess Dena Halsan graduated from Knappa High School, where she was a cheerleader and received the Cheerleading Recognition Award.

She was a member of the National Honor Society all through high school and participated in school drama productions and the school newspaper. She was a member of Future Business Leaders of America. She is the daughter of Bob and Gladys Halsan of Knappa and is employed at the Astoria Red Lion Inn.

Princess Dena has been a grade-school assistant in the summer school program and was an aide at the grade school last year. She has been accepted at Western Oregon State College and has received two scholarships.

The Regatta Court princess says she is proud of her heritage and the community she lives in and is honored to represent her high school in the festival.

A farewell from Queen Erin

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Claire Oldridge

Princess Claire Oldridge is a Warrenton High School graduate and the daughter of Richard and Margaret Oldridge.

While in high school, she was involved in varsity volleyball and was a cheerleader and junior class secretary. She was a representative of Future Business Leaders of America for two years and also served on the student council for two years.

Princess Claire was a representative to the School Enrichment Fund Committee and a delegate and company leader at Oregon Business Week. She is a member of National Honor Society, Girls League and served as an alternate to Girls State. As her school's representative to the Clatsop County Youth Services Commission, she helped with a community workshop about problems of youths in the county and helped report the results of the workshop to then-Gov. Neil Goldschmidt and participated in a "Fly Away with Youth" program.

The Warrenton woman received the Super Volunteer Award from state Sen. Joan Dukes at the youth awards luncheon and was a nurse's helper at American Red Cross blood drives for two years. Last year she was her school's Show Ball Queen and placed first in a Clatsop County spelling contest. She works at the North Coast Fred Meyer store in Warrenton.

Aimee Renee Schneider

Aimee Renee Schneider, the daughter of Ralph and Peggy Ann Schneider, is an Astoria High School graduate. During her school years she was a volunteer worker at senior citizens luncheons, blood drives and at Crestview Care Center, the Big Sister program, at a children's basketball clinic and for the Heritage Museum fund-raising dinner.

During her senior year she served as secretary of the Associated Student Body, journalism sports editor, co-chairman of homecoming and chairman of the decorations and coronation committees for homecoming. She also served as chairman of the senior citizens luncheon and volunteer assistant to the freshman basketball coach. She was a homecoming princess and was co-captain of the varsity basketball and volleyball teams.

Since graduating from high school she has been confirmed into St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church and played in the All-Star West basketball games.

Princess Aimee received the "Most Involved Girl" award in her senior class. She plans to attend Pacific Lutheran University and major in nursing. She is employed at Link's Outdoor in Astoria.

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The support I have received form the Regatta Association, the Anchor Club, community organizations and the members of both courts with whom I have been associated has been tremendous. They have made my year as reigning queen not only successful, but truly fun. I would like to extend a special thanks to each of them, as well as to my family and friends who have shared this experience with me.

It will be, therefore, without regret but with gratitude that I crown the next Regatta queen, allowing a tradition spanning 97 years to continue. I will always be proud to have been a link in that chain. May the tradition it represents and the community it celebrates long endure. I know my memories of my part in it will.

— Erin Larson, 1990 Regatta queen

Who'll be in big parade

Here are some of the participants in the 1991 Astoria Regatta's Grand Land Parade, scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday, Aug. 10, in downtown Astoria:

• Parade Grand Marshal Gale Hemmen, historian of the Fort Stevens State Park Historical Area.

• Regatta Admiral Craig Tutor, North Coast Region supervisor for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the admiral's aide, Jim Servino, general manager and part owner of radio station KAST-AM and FM.

• Regatta President Les McNary and his wife, Marge.

• Anchor Club Skipper Marge Backlin and members of the club.

• The 1991 Astoria Regatta Court.

• 1989 Regatta Queen Connie Benson.

• 1990 Regatta Queen Erin Larson and her court.

• The 1991 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival junior and senior courts.

• Astoria Clowns

Gale Hemmen

• Five fire trucks, including a 1912 American La France truck from the Clatsop County Historical Society.

• The color guard from U.S. Coast Guard Group Astoria and the group's commanding officer.

• Floats from Derby Days in Port Angeles, Wash., and the Daffodil Festival in Tacoma, Wash.

• Miss Clatsop County

• Royal Rosarians Marching Unit

• Garibaldi Days court, Garibaldi, Ore.

• Seaside All Kazoo Marching Band

• Portland Rainmakers

• Vintage military vehicles from Fort Stevens Historical Area

• Astoria-area and Seaside chambers of commerce.

This year's grand marshal, Gale Hemmen, is a native of Salem. After graduating from Oregon State University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation management, Abrams worked for the Children's Services Division in Salem for 1 1/2 years before going to work as a ranger in the Historical Area of Fort Stevens State Park. She was promoted to historian of the area in 1984.

The parade will travel east on Commercial Street, turn right at 15th Street and proceed up Exchange Street to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The parade is sponsored by the Bank of America.

Kids gear up for their march through downtown Astoria

The 1991 Astoria Kiwanis Junior Regatta Parade — always an exciting part of the festival — will be on Thursday, Aug. 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the downtown area.

The event is for children of all ages, but is of particular interest to children 12 and younger.

Officials participating in the parade will include the Astoria Regatta Court, the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival senior and junior courts, senior citizens, old cars and a band.

Ribbons will be awarded to children participating in the parade in several categories, including bikes and trikes, floats, skates, battery-operated vehicles, walkers and odds and ends. No motorized vehicles will be permitted in the parade.

Everybody will receive a ribbon, and the top winner will have an opportunity to march in tbe Grand Land Parade, which will begin at noon on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Junior Regatta Parade marchers should gather at 6 p.m. Thursday at the U.S. Bank parking lot at Ninth and Exchange streets. At 6:30 p.m., the marchers will move down Ninth Street and proceed to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

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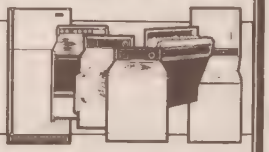

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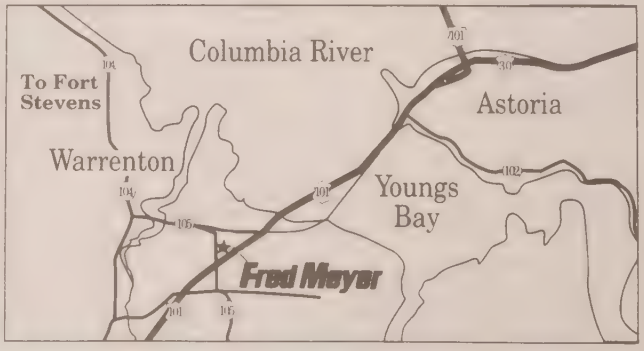

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Seasider leads Regatta Association

Les McNary, manager of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, is 1991 president of the Astoria Regatta Association.

"I was very pleased and proud to be asked to serve and to be elected as president of Regatta," McNary says. "It's a good feeling to be able to represent as fine a community as Astoria."

McNary came to the North Coast in 1987 from Yakima, Wash., where he managed the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Yakima Convention Center. A graduate of Jefferson High School in Portland, McNary has served as a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the Clatsop Economic Development Committee, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation and Seaside Rotary. He is a board member of the Northwest Festival Association and chairman of the marketing committee for the Oregon Tourism Alliance.

McNary says the Regatta Association "believes that the Regatta represents more than just Astoria, but all of Clatsop County. Our membership takes in more than Astoria."

He says this year's theme, "Recreation on the North Coast," goes back many years when Regatta was an opportunity to celebrate after a successful harvest in the fishing industry. "As times have changed and grown," McNary says, "we've looked at other areas of economic growth to recognize and celebrate. That's why we selected recreation as a symbol of the economic stability of our area."

Les McNary

McNary emphasizes that "North Coast" encompasses all of Clatsop County "but also along the river, too."

Since taking the helm of the association, McNary and the other officers and members of the group have had a busy summer. "It's fun," he says. "This year we have gone to 11 parades, the most ever. This gives us an opportunity to talk about the recreational activities here and to promote this area. We have worked closely with U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy to bring in their ships to help us celebrate the season of Regatta. They will be helping us prepare for the week and they will participate in the parade and the ships will be open for visitors."

McNary invites everyone to participate and enjoy this year's Regatta. "It's a fun time for everyone of all ages," he says.

Roses honor festival's VIPS

This year's rose garden ceremonies will mark the eighth year rose bushes will be planted in the garden of the Flavel House Museum to honor officials and royalty of the Astoria Regatta. The ceremony is planned for Friday, Aug. 9, at 2:30 p.m.

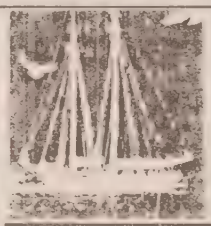
The event will begin with a welcoming speech by Karen Broenneke, executive director of the Clatsop County Historical Society. Master of ceremonies will be Michael Foster, a historical society director. A U.S. Coast Guard color guard from Air Station Astoria will be present during the ceremony. Music will be provided by Jean Aarnio, Knappa, on the harp.

The 1991 president of the Regatta Association, Les McNary, will introduce honored guests and members of the Royal Rosarians from Portland will perform the planting ceremony.

After short speeches by Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen and this year's Regatta Admiral Craig Tutor, the Little Ballet Theatre will perform.

The ceremony will end with a benediction by Pastor William Arbaugh of Peace Lutheran Church. Refreshments will follow served by members of the historical society.

The annual event is sponsored by First Interstate Bank. Flowers are provided by Loyd's Flowers and More. Co-chairmen of the event are Lynn Wallace and Pat Miller.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Parks supervisor leading Regatta

In keeping with the theme of this year's Astoria Regatta — North Coast Recreation, a Celebration of Our Bountiful Harvests from Air, Land and Sea — the man who will lead the celebrations as admiral is the North Coast Region supervisor for the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

Craig Tutor, who now lives in Tillamook, formerly was district park manager of the Fort Stevens District and was responsible for all the state parks in Clatsop County, including Oregon's largest, Fort Stevens.

While living in Clatsop County, Tutor was active in many civic organizations, including the Rotary Club and the Friends of Old Fort Stevens. He served on the boards of the Greater Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Tourism Alliance. Tutor also served as chairman of the Warrenton Planning Commission.

Craig Tutor

Jim Servino

Tutor graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in resource recreation management and a minor in business administration and has been with the state agency for more than 13 years. In 1988 he received the first Park Manager of the Year Award ever awarded for his work with local communities and the Friends of Old Fort Stevens

Tutor and his wife, Jan, have two children. As North Coast Region supervisor, Tutor is responsible for all the state parks in Clatsop, Tillamook and Lincoln counties. The North Coast region has more than 34 percent of the state parks system's day-use attendance with more than 13 million visitors per year. The region contains more than 77 miles of horse, hiking and biking trails that are maintained along with the management of 150 miles of Oregon's public beaches.

Assisting the admiral with his duties this year will be Admiral's Aide Jim Servino. A native of Jersey City, N.J., Servino came to Clatsop County five years ago. He is the general manager and a part owner of radio station KAST-FM and AM in Astoria. He is the chairman of the Committee to Promote Astoria and is past president of the Astoria Rotary Club. His wife, Carol, is the coordinator of the safety belt program for the Astoria Police Department. They have two sons.

The two will lead the annual Grand Land Parade along with parade Grand Marshal Gale Hemmen on Saturday at noon in Astoria, and they will be honored at the annual Admiral's Luncheon scheduled for noon on Friday, Aug. 9, at the Astoria Red Lion Inn.

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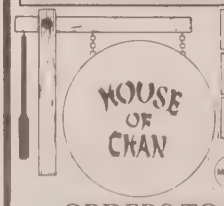

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Anchor skipper a veteran of Regatta

This year's Anchor Club skipper, Marge Backlin, has been involved with the club and the Astoria Regatta for nearly 15 years and brings a wealth of enthusiasm and knowledge to her job.

"It's been a busy year for me with the Regatta princesses," Backlin says. "We had a lot of out-of-town parades and went as far as Spokane and Wenatchee, Wash. We also traveled to the Starlight Parade in Portland, and to Puyallup, Olympia and a lot of other Northwest festivals.

"It's lot of work, but it's lots of fun. All the princesses are extremely good and it's going to be very difficult to pick one as queen.

"I've enjoyed the Anchor Club very much," she adds. "When we moved to Astoria in 1972, I didn't know many people. When I joined the Anchors I made good friends. It's a good organization. It's lot's of work, but it's worth it."

Backlin and her husband, Bob, came to Astoria when he was commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Whitebush. Backlin is staff accountant and office manager at the Edwin Luoma CPA office in Seaside.

The Anchors hold annual fund-raisers such as the Christmas auction and bingo games and sponsor booths at other local festivals to pay for the Regatta court's wardrobe and travel expenses.

The princesses are chosen by Anchor Club members from the senior classes of Warrenton, Astoria, Seaside and Knappa high schools. Most of the court members have high grade-point averages and are involved in extracurricular activities such as student government and sports.

Marge Backlin

The Regatta Association and the Anchor Club function as complementary organizations during the Regatta.

The 1991 Anchor Club officers include: First Mate Trish Walters, Yeoman Becky Haglund-Smith, Purser Karen Van Cleave, Publicity Chairman Maxine Dymond, Corresponding Yeoman Janice Saukko, Historian Wilma Gray, Executive Officer Dee Leahy and Past Skipper Charlene Larsen.

Officers of the Regatta Association are President Les McNary, Vice President Dan Arnoth, Secretary Irene Baltimore and Treasurer Vickie Barrett. Members of the board of directors are Maxine Dymond, Bob Miller, Jerry Coulombe, Velma Kee and Bob Baltimore. Publicity chairman is Marlene Mestrich.

Court's travels keep escort, chaperone hopping

Carol Schock

Peter Gimre

The 1991 Astoria Regatta court chaperone and escort have had a busy summer. Chaperone Carol Schock and escort Peter Gimre have traveled with the young women to all their public appearances at festivals and other events throughout the Northwest.

Schock, an Astoria resident since 1958, when her father was stationed here with the U.S. Coast Guard, graduated from Star of the Sea High School and was herself a Regatta princess in 1962.

The chaperone and her husband, Don, own D & D Concrete Service and the Triangle Tavern in Astoria. She has been active in many local events, including Jane Barnes Day and the Oregon Dixieland Jubilee and is on the board of directors of the Uniontown Association. Schock and her husband have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Gimre, a 1979 Astoria High School graduate, attended the University of Oregon and is past president of the Astoria Downtown Development Association. He also serves as chairman of the Astoria Civil Service Commission.

The third-generation owner of Gimre's Shoe Stores in Astoria, Seaside and Hillsboro, Gimre plays city league basketball and softball.

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Where to go and when to get there

Music, food, parades and plenty of fun on the water are only part of a busy schedule for the 1989 Astoria Regatta.

Many activities will be held at Regatta Square at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Some of the events listed below will require admission charge or Regatta button, available at local businesses and at all events.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

• 10 a.m. — Judging downtown merchants' window decorating contest.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

• 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Daily self-guided tours of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 17th Street and Marine Drive. Discount admission with Regatta button.
• All day — Visiting ships arrive at Port of Astoria docks.
• 8 p.m. — Queen's coronation, Performing Arts Center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue, Astoria.
• 9:30 p.m. — Queen's Reception, Columbia River Maritime Museum Kern Room, 17th Street and Marine Drive.

Thursday, Aug. 8

• 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Daily self-guided tours of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 17th Street and Marine Drive. Discount admission with Regatta button.
• Noon — Queen's Luncheon, Red Lion Inn, Chinook Room, 400 Industry, reservations required.
• 6:30 p.m. — Kiwanis Junior Regatta Parade, downtown.
6:30 to 9 p.m. — Free Kids Carnival Night, Regatta Square, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th Street and Marine Drive.
• 7:30 p.m. — "Shanghaied in Astoria," doors open 7 p.m., John Jacob Astor Theater, 14th and Commercial streets.
• 8 to 11 p.m. — Regatta Rocker Dance for ages 15 and younger with music by Sound Express, American Legion, upstairs, 1132 Exchange St.

Friday, Aug. 9

• 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Daily self-guided tours of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 17th Street and Marine Drive. Discount admission with Regatta button.
•10 a.m. — Sailboat races on the Columbia River.
•All day — Ships tours at the Port of Astoria docks and the foot of 17th Street.
• Noon — Admiral's Scholarship Luncheon, Chinook Room, Red Lion Inn, reservations required.
• 2:30 p.m. — Rose planting ceremonies, Flavel House Garden, Eighth and Duane streets, entertainment and refreshments.
• 4 p.m. — Regatta Square opens with arts and crafts, food booths, folklore, entertainment, pony rides, kids carnival, helicopter rides, music by the Al Anderson Band, and more, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive.
• 5 to 8 p.m. — Spaghetti feed sponsored by the Rotary Club, Regatta Square, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive.
• 7:30 p.m. — "Shanghaied in Astoria," doors open 7 p.m., John Jacob Astor Theater, 14th and Commercial streets.
• 8 p.m. to midnight — Pirates Den Party, music by Thunder Road at the Beer Garden, Clatsop County Fairgrounds.
• 9 p.m. to midnight — Regatta Rocker Dance for ages 16 and older with music by Sound Express, upstairs, American Legion, 1132 Exchange St.

Saturday, Aug. 10

• 7 to 11 a.m. — Buccaneer Breakfast, catered by the Skipanon Restaurant, Regatta Square.
• 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Self-guided tours of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 17th Street and Marine Drive. Discount admission with Regatta button.
•10 a.m. — Sailboat races in the Columbia River.
• All Day — Historic Homes Tours of Astoria artists and collectors, begins at the Heritage Center Museum, 1618 Exchange St., sponsored by the Clatsop County Historical Society.
• All Day — City Tennis Tournament.
• All Day — Ships tours, Port of Astoria docks and foot of 17th Street.

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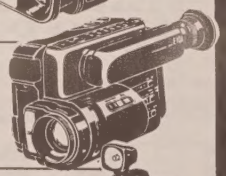

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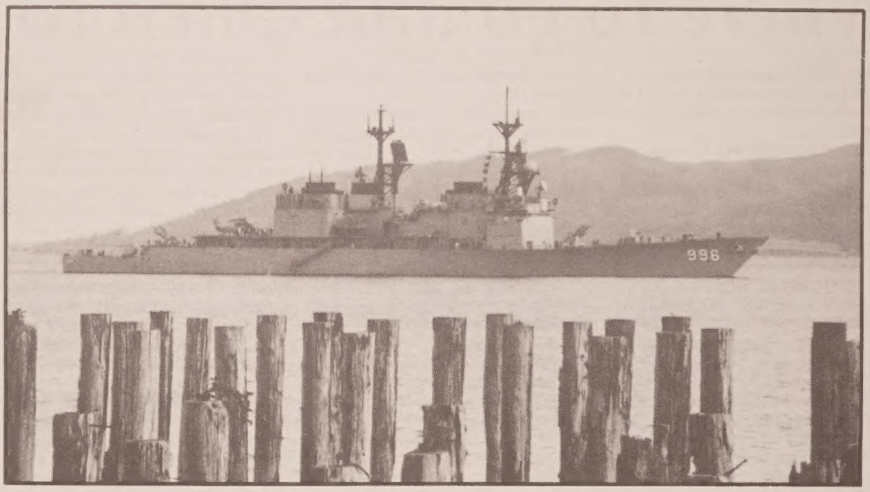

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- 10 a.m. — Sailboat races, Columbia River.
- 11 a.m. — Regatta Square opens, Clatsop County Fairgrounds.
- Noon — Grand Land Parade, downtown.
- 1:30 p.m. — U.S. Coast Guard helicopter search and rescue demonstrations, foot of 17th Street.
- 3 to 8 p.m. — Salmon Feast, fresh salmon barbecued over hot coals, Regatta Square.
- 7 p.m. — Twilight Boat Parade on Columbia River from Port Docks to 17th Street and return.
- 7:30 p.m. — "Shanghaied in Astoria," 7:30 p.m., John Jacob Astor Theater.
- 8 p.m. to midnight — Pirates Den Party with music by Thunder Road, Beer Garden, Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

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Royalty of the past

In this historical photo, 1901 Astoria Regatta Queen Ivy Barker, attired in all her royal finery, stands atop a bearskin rug.

Photo courtesy Marlene Mestrich

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• 9 p.m. to midnight — Regatta Rocker Dance for ages 16 and older with music by Sound Express, American Legion, 1132 Exchange St.
• Dusk — Fireworks over the Columbia.

Sunday, Aug. 11

• All Day — 17th annual Regatta Tennis Tournament.
• All Day — Navy ship tours, Port of Astoria docks.
• 10 a.m. — Sailboat races on the Columbia River.
• 11 a.m. — Regatta Square opens, Clatsop County Fairgrounds.
• 1 to 4 p.m. — Historic homes tours of Astoria artists and collectors.

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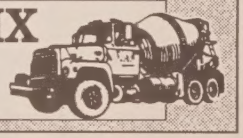

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